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## INTRODUCTION

More has been written on South Africa than on any other African country, especially during the early 1990s, when the apartheid government began to crumble and the road to democracy became the subject of international attention. This bibliography therefore represents only a fraction of works useful for the student of South African history. It does not include unpublished theses, and it mostly lists secondary publications by professional historians and other scholars. It also points mainly to material written in English that is reasonably accessible to readers in Britain and the United States.

Since the publication of the first edition of this dictionary, there has been a major shift in South African historical writing away from political and economic history. The field has broadened to include a range of social and cultural topics that were previously given scant attention, especially in the fields of gender, slavery, environment, religion, sports, and the performing arts. This bibliography attempts to reflect this change.

To keep the bibliography a reasonable size, each item is listed under a single heading only. It was not easy to decide in which category to place many items. A useful book or article that does not appear under one subject heading may be found elsewhere. The guides listed in the first section are an entrée to other sources.

## ABBREVIATIONS

- AYB *Archives Year Book for South African History*  
 CSSA *Collected Seminar Papers. Societies of Southern Africa*  
 (University of London)  
 JAH *Journal of African History*  
 JSAS *Journal of Southern African Studies*  
 SAAB *South African Archaeological Bulletin*  
 SAHJ *South African Historical Journal*  
 SAJE *South African Journal of Economics*

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